

**Resolution to establish a 3.64-acre Conservation Easement on Westbrook Park in Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio to be held in perpetuity by the Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District.
(ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING)**

Whereas, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners have a continuing desire to protect and improve the natural resources of Franklin County for the benefit and enjoyment of its residents; and

Whereas, the Future Land Use Map of the Southwest Area Plan calls for Open Space Stream Buffer to occur on the site; and

Whereas, the Future Land Use Map of the Southwest Area Plan calls for the protection of the floodplains, wetlands, mature trees, and steep slopes; and

Whereas, it is the mission of Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District to promote responsible land use decisions for the conservation, protection, and improvement of soil and water resources by providing information and assistance through effective partnering, technical guidance and education.

Whereas, in accordance with chapter 5301.69 of the Ohio Revised Code, Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District can acquire conservation easements in the name of the Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District for the purpose of protecting the natural resources of the area; and

Whereas, A Conservation Easement is a restriction placed on the deed of a piece of property to protect its natural resources in perpetuity while still allowing the landowner to own the land.

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO:

1. That Franklin County Board of Commissioners agree to grant in perpetuity a 3.64 acre conservation easement to the Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District.

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